

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter with respect to the peptide moiety of original claim 6 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite the peptide amino acid sequence of original claim 6. Additionally, claims 1, 3-5 and 7-12 have been amended to point out that the claimed molecule is a lipopeptide detergent as recited in original claim 2. Claims 2 and 6 have accordingly been canceled. Claim 12 also has been amended for greater clarity without any change of scope or intended meaning.

New claims 13-19 have been added. Support for new claims 13-17 is found in Example 1; see especially page 16, line 22 through page 17, line 5. Support for new claim 18 is found, *inter alia*, at page 14, lines 2-11 and in Example 2. Support for new claim 19 is found, *inter alia*, at page 14, line 22 to page 15, line 2 and in Example 3.

The rejections of the original claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, are believed mooted by the forgoing amendments, without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, applicants rights to prosecute the subject matter of the original claims in an appropriate continuing application as suggested by the Examiner in the third paragraph of the Office Letter mailed January 11, 2005.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

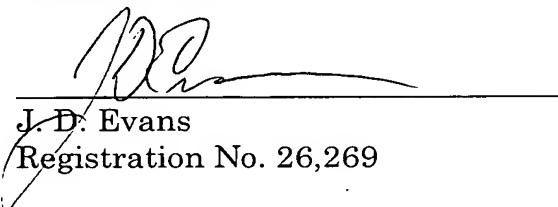
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010782.47985).

Respectfully submitted,

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